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WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT NO. 8 (1-9-76 THRU 1-15-76)

REF: LOU MEXICO 0541

1. SUMMARY.

NOW THAT THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS OVER, WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASED COMMITMENT AND ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF GOM TO THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. HERBICIDE SPRAYING IS INCREASING AND THE COMMITMENT OF MEXICAN SOLDIERS FOR MANUAL DESTRUCTION OF OPIUM FIELDS IS MORE EVIDENT.

END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO

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AND CHIHUAHUA.

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 22 (MANUALLY)

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 102,225

PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,475,125

HECTARES - 10.22

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 131

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 410,725

HECTARES - 41.07

MARIJUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 17 (MANUALLY)

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 34,285

PLANTS DESTROYED - 572,770

HECTARES - 3.428

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 55

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 126,582

HECTARES - 12.658

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,  
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

MARIHUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 38 (MANUALLY)

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 42,000

PLANTS DESTROYED - 917,000

HECTARES - 4.2

ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OACACA.

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 112 (MANUALLY)

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,479,040

PLANTS DESTROYED - 30,870,505

HECTARES - 147.9

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OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 25

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 70,000

HECTARES - 7

MARIHUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 22 (MANUALLY)

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 109,050

PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,590,600  
HECTARES - 10.9

(B) CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL 3 ZONES)

OPIUM  
FIELDS DESTROYED - 976 (MANUALLY)  
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 5,879,381  
PLANTS DESTROYED - 93,913,415  
HECTARES - 587.93

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES  
FIELDS DESTROYED - 337  
HECTARES DESTROYED - 229.07

MARIHUANA  
FIELDS DESTROYED - 500 (MANUALLY)  
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,679,824  
PLANTS DESTROYED - 41,625,928  
HECTARES - 167.98

MARIHAUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES  
FIELDS DESTROYED - 71  
HECTARES DESTROYED - 15.15

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

PURSUANT TO THE MEETINGS THAT DR. GERTZ HAD  
WITH MILITARY ZONE COMMANDERS (AS REPORTED IN THE  
PREVIOUS WEEKLY REPORT, MEXICO 0541) THE 9TH MILITARY ZONE OF  
THE STATE OF SINALOA HAS 111 MEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN  
THE ERADICATION AND ANOTHER 40 INVOLVED IN ROADBLOCK  
INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES. IN THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA OF  
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THE STATE OF MICHOACAN, THE 6TH INFANTRY BATTALION IS  
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MANUAL ERADICATION WITH APPROXIMATE-  
LY 80 SOLDIERS COMMITTED TO THIS ACTIVITY. IN THE STATE  
OF GUERRERO, THE 27TH MILITARY ZONE REPORTS COMMITMENT  
OF 55 SOLDIERS AND THE 35TH MILITARY ZONE REPORTS 33  
SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN ERADICATION ACTIVITIES.

(E) AVIATION OPERATIONS

SUMMARY: SENIOR STAFF ANNOUNCED THEY HAVE APPROVED  
AN INCENTIVE PAY SYSTEM FOR PILOTS AND MECHANICS. PILOT  
SALARIES ON A MONTHLY BASIS WILL FLUCTUATE BETWEEN  
9,000 AND 22,000 PESOS CONTINGENT UPON LONGEVITY, EX-  
PERIENCE, AIRCRAFT CLASS AND TYPE, SAFETY RECORD, AND  
TYPE OF MISSION FLOWN. THE PERSISTENT PROBLEM OF FIXED

PAY FOR MECHANICS REGARDLESS OF LONGEVITY, TRAINING, AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS WAS RESOLVED BY DR. GERTZ. MARISCAL-FLORES HAS BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED SINCE THE LOSS OF CAPTAIN BEST; HOWEVER, THE WORKLOAD ON PROF. SOLIS IS STAGGERING AS HE IS HANDLING AVIATION, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, MOPSS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH SOLIS AND MARISCAL-FLORES WERE ORDERED BY DR. GERTZ TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO MEET PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS. PRIORITY WAS ACCORDED TO LOCATING AN AVIATION OPERATIONS MANAGER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

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1. NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN AND AVAILABILITY:

9-15 JANUARY 1976

(A) MODEL 212 - 80.48 HOURS: AVAIL. 67.6 PERCENT

(B) MODEL 206B - 80.48 HRS: AVAIL 63.3 PERCENT

(C) CESSNA 185 - 27.0 HRS: AVAIL 87 PERCENT

(D) AEROCOMMANDER - NO INFO AVAILABL ON

HOURS FLOWN FOR THIS PERIOD. AVAIL. 66.6 PERCENT

BELL HELICOPTER CO. PRODUCTION CONTROL TECH INFORMED

US THAT DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS AT SOME

SITES WHERE AIRCRAFT ARE DEPLOYED, THEY ESTIMATE THAT

REPORTED HOURS MAY BE 20 PERCENT UNDER THE ACTUAL FIGURE. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE REPORTING INITIATED, ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT HAVE ATTAINED A MORE UNIFORM LEVEL OF AVAILABILITY, WHICH, PRESENTLY AVERAGES 71 PERCENT.

2. THREE MODEL 212S ARE PRESENTLY DOWN WITH TWO MORE EXPECTED SHORTLY TO BE DOWN DUE TO INITIAL MODIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION OF RECENTLY ARRIVED MICRO-FOIL SYSTEMS. (BET, BEV, BEM, BES, AND BAT).

3. MAINTENANCE: DR. GERTZ ORDERED PROF. SOLIS TO RESTRUCTURE MECHANIC SALARY SCALES BY JANUARY 22, USING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREE LEVELS CONSISTING OF 6,000, 8,000 AND 10,000 PESOS PER MONTH IN ORDER TO RETAIN PRESENT MECHANICS AND ATTRACT ADDITIONAL LICENSED MECHANICS. (STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED HIRING 20 MORE MECHANICS IMMEDIATELY.)

4. PFOF. SOLIS DESIGNATED ENGINEER MUNDO LOPEZ (PRIVATE SECTOR) AS HIS ASSISTANT TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.

5. PILOTS: DURING MEETING WITH MARISCAL/SOLIS TO DISCUSS PILOT STATUS, THEY REPORTED PRESENT CADRE IS NOW 54 (FIVE-FOUR) PILOTS IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- (A) MODE 212 - 21
- (B) MODEL 206-B - 18
- (C) CESSNA 185 - 6
- (D) MULTI-ENGINE - 9

THE AG AEROSERVICE THUS HAS MET THE OBJECTIVE OF A 1.25 PILOT RATIO PER AIRCRAFT. SOLIS/MARISCAL DEVELOPED A LIST OF BOTH 206-B AND 212 PILOTS WHO WILL BE ASSIGNED TO SPRAYING OPERATIONS.

(F) MOPS AND OTHER POPPY DETECTION INTELLIGENCE

1. NUMBER OF MISSIONS AND HOURS FLOWN BY UNIT.

- INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.

2. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY BY UNIT.

- INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.

3. COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND USE OF MOPS IN PLANNING AIR OPERATIONS.

3.1 THE NEW MOPS GROUND EQUIPMENT, WHICH

ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY IN EARLY DECEMBER, IS NOT YET IN USE. PROF. SOLIS STATES THAT IS PLANNED THAT THE TWO TRAILERS WILL BE PLACED IN OPERATION AT THE NEW HANGAR FACILITY NEXT WEEK. THIS MAY BE A VERY OPTIMISTIC FORECAST. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT IT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE USEFUL TO TRANSPORT THEM TO CULIACAN, WHERE BOTH AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE STATIONED. HE WILL CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION.

3.2 INSTALLATION OF THE ON TRACT II NAVIGATION SYSTEM IN CX-GOZ IS COMPLETED. THE AIRCRAFT IS TO DEPART JANUARY 16 TO JOIN XC-BOL IN CULIACAN.

3.3 DURING MEETING ON JANUARY 14, PROF. SOLIS INFORMED USG ADVISORS THAT THE PROGRAMMED TRAINING COURSE FOR MOPS ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED SINCE THEY ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH SIMILAR EQUIPMENT. AFTER DISCUSSION, HE AGREED TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE SENIOR STAFF OF CENENAL, THE MEXICAN AGENCY SUPPLYING THE TECHNICIANS, AND MR. KARL GRODEWALD, THE SPECIAL DATA CORPORATION ENGINEER WHO PLANNED TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING, TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

3.4 IT BECAME CLEAR DURING DISCUSSING WITH PROF. SOLIS THAT THE MOPS OUTPUT IS NOT BEING USED OPERATIONALLY. IN PART, THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE RELIABILITY OF THE SYSTEM. ING. CESAR QUINONES-ARELLANSO STATES THAT SOME RELIABILITY PROBLEMS OCCURRED IN THE FIRST MISSIONS FLOWN THIS YEAR, BUT THESE ARE NOW ELIMINATED. ADDITIONALLY, NO OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR USING MOPS HAS YET BEEN FORMULATED. PROF SOLIS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA. USG ADVISORS REFERRED HIM TO A SUGGESTED PLAN PRESENTED TO HIM IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

3.5 CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZING THE MOPS AIRCRAFT. BASIC DATA ON AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE AND PERFORMANCE WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH TO DEMONSTRATE THAT EXISTING SURVEY RATES OF MOPS CAN BE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED. PROF. SOLIS GRANTED PERMISSION FOR MESSRS. HOWARD SCHLESINGER (DEA/STTS) AND JOSEPH WADSWORTH (DEA CONTRACT EMPLOYEE) TO VISIT CULIACAN TO INSTRUCT THE MOPS PILOTS IN THESE MATTERS. PROF. SOLIS STATED THAT IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE SURVEY RATES THE GOM WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"ON THE VERGE" OF SIGNING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH A PERUVIAN COMPANY FOR A LEAR JET EQUIPPED FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.

3.6 DURING THEIR VISIT TO CULIACAN, MESSRS. SCHLESINGER AND WADSWORTH WERE ALSO GRANTED PERMISSION TO DISCUSS MOPS OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH GOM PILOTS, TECHNICIANS AND MANAGERS CONCERNED WITH THE ERADICATION EFFORT.

4. MESSRS. WADSWORTH AND SCHLESINGER WILL PERFORM A VISUAL SURVEY OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION IN SOUTHERN MEXICO ON JANUARY 16 AND 17.

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(G) COMMUNICATIONS J.W. LEE (INC) AND ALL NAURICKI (USCS/W) ARRIVED JANUARY 11 TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE INSTALLATION OF TELECOM NETWORK DURING 90 DAY TDY.

1. MINOR REVISIONS OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR

DISTRIBUTION AND INSTALLATION WORK FOR THE HF-SSB AND VHE-FM TRANSCEIVERS NOW IN PROGRESS. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN, PREPARED LAST NOVEMBER, WAS DELAYED PENDING ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE (AGO) APPROVAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ENG. JIMENEZ. CONTRACT IS NOW BEING RENEGOTIATED. THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED. BALANCE OF THE ITEMS, NOT CRITICAL TO THE TELECOM PROJECT, ARE SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY IN FEBRUARY.

2. INSTALLATION OF THE HF-SSB 100W TRANSCEIVERS IN 31 AIRCRAFT HAS COMMENCED WITH THE WORK BEING PERFORMED BY AGO TECHNICIANS AT AGO HANGAR FACILITIES. A DEFINITE INSTALLATION SCHEDULE FOR AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED DUE TO INCREASING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. THIS PROJECT, ORIGINALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANNED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR IN NOVEMBER, WAS DELAYED DUE TO PROBLEMS ON PRESENTATION OF FIRM COSTS AND LEADTIMES. CONTRACTOR WITHDREW BID RECENTLY.

3. REPORT CONCERNING COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS BREAKDOWN NOT APPLICABLE AT THIS TIME.

(H) HERBICIDES

SUMMARY: DURING RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH PILOTS ASSIGNED TO SPRAYING OPERATIONS, IT WAS ROUGHLY ESTIMATED THAT THROUGH THE REPORTING PERIOD, APPROXIMATELY 200 FIELDS HAVE BEEN SPRAYED IN GUERRERO AND APPROXIMATELY 300 FIELDS IN SINALOA, WITH VERY EFFECTIVE RESULTS. CAPTAIN ZOLA AND CAPTAIN PARTIDA CONCUR THAT AERIAL SPRAYING OF 50 TO 60 FIELDS PER DAY PER 206-B UNIT IS WELL WITHIN THEIR CAPABILITY, AS PROFICIENCY IMPROVES. AS YET, WE CANNOT PREDICT ACCURATELY THE CAPABILITY OF THE MODEL 212 RETROFITTED WITH MICRO-FOIL SYSTEM. EVERGREEN REP (BRACE) INDICATES THAT ON PAPER, THE PRODUCTIVITY COULD BE MULTIPLIED RELATIVE TO THE SIMPLEX II SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

1. TED LEOPOLD AGREED TO AGO SALARY TERMS AND DEPARTED FOR CULICAN VIA 206-B (SIMPLEX II) ON 13 JANUARY WITH TWO PILOT TRAINEES TO COMMENCE TRAINING/SPRAYING OPERATIONS IN NORTHER SINALOA AND TOPIA AREA.

2. THE PALEN WET BUCKET SYSTEM SUSTAINED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WHEN CAPTAIN ZOLA JETTISONED THE RIG DURING A SPRAYING OPERATION IN SINALOA ON 10 JANUARY. CAPTAIN ZOLA EXPLAINED TO BERNAL/FORD THAT BOOM DID NOT



TURN PROPERLY, YNAGGED A TREE BRANCH, CAUSED THE 206-B TO NOSE DOWN AND HE WAS REQUIRED TO JETTISON THE APPARTUS.

3. FOUR SIMPLEX II SYSTEMS ARE INSTALLED;  
HOWEVER, ONLY THREE ARE IN USE PRESENTLY AS HELICOPTER FAF HAS MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AND IS UNDER REPAIR. TWO SYSTEMS ARE IN SINALOA AND ONE IN GUERRERO. A FIFTH SIMPLEX II SYSTEM ARRIVED VIA EVERGREEN C-46 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON 15 JANUARY AND IS SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION IN MODEL 206-B GUU.

B. CAPTAIN ZOLA INDICATED HE HAS NOT EXPERIENCED ANY LOGISITICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO HERBICIDE, MAINTANENCE, OR GROUND SUPPORT. THEY ARE USING GRAMOXONE BUT IN STRONGER CONCENTRATIONS; HOWEVER, BOTH HE AND CAPTAIN PERTIDA AGREE THAT 2-4-\$ EQUIVALENT COULD PRODUCE SAME RESULTS WITH MORE ECONOMY. STEERING COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS THIS POINT WITH DR. GERTZ AND HIS SENIOR STAFF.

5. PROF. SOLIS INITIATED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR FIVE INSTRUCTOR PILOTS WITH EVERGREEN REP (ERNIE BRACE) ON EVENING OF 15 JANUARY. THUS FAR, BOTH PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO GENERAL TERMS WITH AG STIPULATIONS/REQUIREMENTS BEING DRAFTED BY PROF. SOLIS AND DR. GERTZ. BRACE HAS ALREADY AGREEF VERBALLY TO ALL POINTS RAISED BY AG REPRESENTATIVES.

6. EVERGREEN C-46 ARRIVED MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON EVERNING OF 15 JANUARY, CARRYING FIVE MICRO-FOIL AND ONE SIMPLEX II SYSTEMS. THE FIVE BELL MODEL 212 HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AND ARE AWAITING MODIFICATIONS AND RETROFITTING. EVERGREEN REPRESENTATIVE (BRACE) INDICATES INSTALLATION SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY JANUARY 21.

7. AVIATION OPERATIONS ADVISOR FORD IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO SINALOA THE FOLLOWING WEEK FOR FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION, PLANNING AND ADEQUACY OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN THE FIELD OPERATIONS.

3. INTERDICTION

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

3 TONS 179 KILOS MARIHUANA

1 KILO 365 GRAMS HEROIN

189 GRAMS COCAINE  
40,000 BENZEDRINE TABLETS  
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5 LSD TABLETS  
1 HEROIN LAB  
6 AUTOMOBILES  
7 PISTOLS  
1 RIFLE  
45 DEFENDANTS

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,  
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.  
1 TON 28 KILOS MARIHUANA  
35 AMPHETAMINE PILLS  
3 AUTOMOBILES  
16 DEFENTANTS

ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORLES, AND OAXACA.  
32.45 KILOS OPIUM GUM  
290 KILOS MARIHUANA  
1 GRAM COCAINE  
6 PISTOLS  
1 AUTOMOBILS  
13 DEFENTANTS.

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TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL 3 ZONES)

78 TONS 48 KILOS MARIHUANA

120 KILOS 750 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEEDS

34 KILOS 157 GRAMS HEROIN

4 KILOS 183 GRAMS COCAINE

220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE

6 HEROIN CONVERSION LABS

4,050,000 MINI-BENNIES

40,000 BENZEDRINE TABLETS

33 GRAMS BENZEDRINE

5 LSD TABLETS

130,41 KILOS OPIUM GUM

3 PILL PRESSES

1 KILO 360 GRAMS PEYOTE

233 GRAMS HASHISH

4 GRAMS AMPHETAMINE POWDER

185 AMPHETAMINE PILLS

55 MANDRAX PILLS

18 TRUCKS

2 TRAILER TRUCKS

78 AUTOMOBILES

121 HAND GUNS

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64 RIFLES

1 SHRIMP BOAT

6 AIRCRAFT

5,550 ROUNDS AMMUNITION

20 STICKS DYNAMITE

394 DEFENDANTS.

B. USE OF INTERDICTION VEHICLES

TO BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S REPORT.

G. MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

NO CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK.

4. COMMENTS

ON JANUARY 14, 1976, STEERING COMMITTEE MET WITH DR. GERTZ AND HIS SENIOR STAFF FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SERIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL PROBLEMS THAT ARE PLAGUING THE CAMPAIGN. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT HE (DR. GERTZ) DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT THIS PROGRAM.

ALTHOUGH IN THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN HE HAD DESIGNED A TABLE OF ORGANIZATION, HE HAD NOT ACQUIRED CAPABLE SUPERVISORS TO MANAGE THE DIVISIONS HE HAD STRUCTURED. IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD NOT CONTROL ALL ASPECTS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND DO JUSTICE TO ALL OF THEM. PROF. SOLIS NOW HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AG'S AIR FLEET AS WELL AS HE MOPS PROGRAM. MR. MARISCAL-FLORES, BECAUSE HE CANNOT DEDICATE HIS FULL TIME TO THIS PROGRAM, IS PERFORMING AS AN ADVISOR TO DR. GERTZ ON AVIATION REQUIREMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, IN THE ABSENCE OF DR. GERTZ OR PROF. SOLIS, MANAGERIAL DECISIONS ARE NOT MADE THAT REQUIRE ACTION ON A DAILY BASIS. THE STRUCTURE IS SIMPLY TOO CENTRALIZED AND TOO RIGID FOR AN OPERATION OF THIS SIZE. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE AG'S OFFICE, HEADED BY LIC. MANCERA, WAS NOT FULLY SUPPORTING DR. GERTZ. LIC. MANCERA HAS TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES AND CONTINUOUSLY DELAYS PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR PERSONNEL AND OFTEN REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO GET THE JOB DONE. ALL THESE AGGRAVATING DRAWBACKS WERE FRANKLY DISCUSSED WITH DR. GERTZ AND HIS SENIOR STAFF. DR. GERTZ WAS FULLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COGNIZANT OF HIS ORGANIZATION'S SHORTCOMINGS, AND EMOTIONALLY EXPRESSED VARIOUS PROBLEM AREAS THAT HE HAS TO CONTEND WITH ON A DAILY BASIS; CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY OF MFJP, THE CONSTANT PROBLEMS WITH THE MILITARY, DISCONTENT OF PILOTS AND MECHANICS, STRUGGLE FOR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND THE CONSTANT ALLEGATIONS AND CHARACTER ASSASSINATION BY THE PRESS MEDIA AND THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM FAIL IN THIS CAMPAIGN. DR. GERTZ STATED THAT IF THE UNITED STATES WAS FRUSTRATED WITH THE RESULTS SO FAR, THAT HE WAS TEN TIMES MORE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE HE WAS LIVING THROUGH THE MOST AGONIZING POSITION IN HIS LIFE. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD SEE IT THROUGH OR BUST BECAUSE HE HAD MADE A COMMITMENT TO HIMSELF (AND NOT WITH THE INTENTION OF ANY POLITICAL FUTURE, HE SAID, BECAUSE HE IS NOT A POLITICIAN. DR. GERTZ STATED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT IN A MATTER OF SIXTY DAYS HE IS TRYING TO CHANGE IDEAS AND METHODS OF PERFORMANCE THAT HAVE PREVAILED FOR MANY YEARS IN MEXICO AND THIS HAS TAKEN ALL HIS DEDICATION AND ENERGY TO ACCOMPLISH AND YET THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE. THIS IS WHY HE PLACES HIS HOPES ON THE HERBICIDE SPRAYING. HE INDICATED THAT THIS CAMPAIGN COULD BE SUCCESSFUL BY "TECHNICAL" MEANS NOTING THAT OBVIOUSLY THE USE OF SOLDIERS AS THE ONLY MEANS OF ERADICATION HAS PROVEN TO BE A FAILURE. THIS FURTHER REINFORCES OUR POSITION

THAT HERBICIDE SPRAYING IS THE ONLY EFFICIENT MEANS OF  
ERADICATING THE OPIUM FIELDS.  
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